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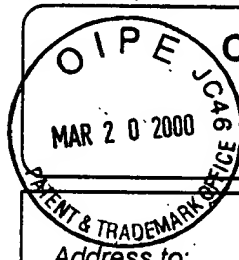
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(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 295,637  
filed on 4/20/99, entitled ROBUST TRANSDUCER FOR VISCOELASTIC MEASUREMENT

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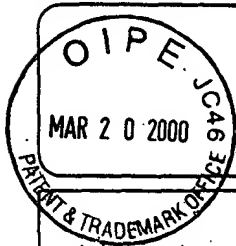
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